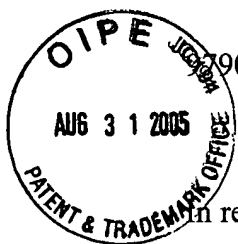


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This Response to Restriction Requirement is submitted in response to a Restriction Requirement dated July 29, 2005. Applicant acknowledges receipt of a subsequent Patent Office communication dated August 16, 2005, clarifying the timeframe for response to the noted Restriction Requirement.

In accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 121 and in response to the Restriction Requirement, applicant hereby elects the subject matter of **Species III** (i.e., Figs. 11-16) for prosecution in the present application, should no generic claim be held to be allowable. Applicant notes that claims 1 and 68 have been acknowledged to be generic.

Applicant respectfully submits that Fig. 5 is properly included within Species III at least for the limited purpose of showing a fluid container in combination with the flow control device of Figs. 11-16. To the extent the subject matter of Fig. 5 is not included within the scope of

Species III for the limited purpose noted herein, applicant respectfully submits that the following claims are readable on the elected species, i.e., Species III:

Claims 1-2 and 5-19.

To the extent the subject matter of Fig. 5 is included within the scope of Species III for the limited purpose of showing a fluid container in combination with the flow control device of Figs. 11-16, applicant respectfully submits that the following claims are readable on the elected species, i.e., Species III:

Claims 1-2 and 5-21.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Restriction Requirement. Prompt substantive examination and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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